

Cal Grant/ WebGrants Update

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Agenda

Award Processing:

- 2005-06 Income/Asset ceilings
- 2005-06 CSAC Budget and Cost Estimates
- School changes available in January

Student Eligibility:

- Residency Requirements
- Military Deferment
- Domestic Partners
- Simplified Needs

Processing changes:

- Unique ID replaces SSN
- New Roster Section

WebGrants:

- GPA Upload Process
- School Change Data File
- Reconciliation Data File & Excel tool

Staying Informed:

- Website – List Serve – WebGrants Help Menu

Award Processing

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Award Processing Overview

- Income & Asset Ceilings approved by Commission
- Cost estimates due in early December
- Nov/Dec: System testing – ISIR Changes made for new year
- Governor's Budget in early January
- Entitlement awarding starts in early January
- Final budget in July

Expected 2005-06 Income Ceilings

Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse. Based on family size.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>CG A & C</u>	<u>CG B</u>
Six or more	\$80,400	\$44,200
Five	\$74,500	\$40,900
Four	\$69,600	\$36,600
Three	\$64,000	\$32,900
Two	\$62,500	\$29,200

Expected 2005-06 Income & Asset Ceilings

Income ceilings for independent students without dependents other than a spouse:

	<u>CG A & C</u>	<u>CG B</u>
Single, no dependents	\$25,500	\$25,500
Married	\$29,200	\$29,200

Cal Grant Programs Asset Ceilings:

Dependent	\$53,800	\$ 53,800
Independent	\$25,600	\$25,600

School Changes

- As soon as a student is awarded, school changes can be made using WebGrants
- CSAC will begin processing Recipient Change forms from students
- School changes for renewal recipients cannot be made until after the student is renewed.

Student Eligibility

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2004-05 Residency Requirements

- Students over 18
 - Legal California resident for one year immediately prior to the application cycle deadline
- Students under 18
 - Custodial parent
 - Custodial non-parent
- Same requirements apply for parents and students in the armed forces

Military Deferment

- Eligibility for up to 3 years for students on:
 - Active military duty
 - Students should submit form G-12
- Peace Corps, VISTA
 - Contact CSAC Grant Operations

Domestic Partners

- Commission is working with the Grant Advisory Committee to determine impact to Cal Grant program
- Policy bulletin later this month
- Basically, Domestic Partnerships will be recognized when determining Cal Grant eligibility.

Simplified Needs Test

- SB 728 passed in 2003
- Legislation interpreted as meaning that when making award determinations, the Commission must treat applications the same way as for EFC purposes.
- However, if the Commission receives updated asset info on a G-21. We will use it.
- Policy Bulletin forthcoming

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Unique ID

- A new ID number that will be assigned to all Cal Grant applications – those awarded and those not awarded.
- Required so no SSNs will be mailed out
- For Cal Grants and other programs
- Effective 12-04-04

New Roster Section

- Allows schools to identify students not in attendance and remove them from the eligible section of the roster
- New section – Section 5 “Not in Attendance”
- New pay codes: “NA” and “YA”
- Data file record layout changes required
- See GOM 2004 -13 November 2

New Roster Section

- The process will work like a school change.
- Transactions will appear on the Accept/Reject report.
- A letter will be sent to the student notifying them that they have been reported as “not in attendance.”

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Roster Changes

- Changes to CSAC Standard Roster for New Roster Section
- Changes to Display Roster screen for Unique ID
- New options on Customize Roster screen for both New Roster Section and Unique ID

Student Information

- Changes to Student Information screens for Unique ID
- Score break out added to Student Detail screen

GPA

- One-two-three process
- Email confirmation
- Cumulative GPA Summary report
 - Includes GPA Verifications keyed by CSAC!

Reconciliation Data File & Excel Tool

- Currently being tested!

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General Information

- ◆ [Adjustment Reason Codes](#)
- ◆ [Changing Your Password](#)
- ◆ [Preparing GPA files for upload to the California Student Aid Commission](#)
- ◆ [Help with your Account](#)

Publications

- ◆ [Operation Memos and Alerts](#)
- ◆ [Production Schedule](#)

WebGrants Help

User Guides

- ◆ [Getting Started](#) (Revised April 15, 2004)
- ◆ [Tools](#) (Revised January 23, 2004)
- ◆ [Enrollment Screens](#) (Revised July 7, 2004)
- ◆ [GPA Screens](#) (Revised June 17, 2004)
- ◆ [Student Information Screens](#) (Revised February 9, 2004)
- ◆ [School Information Screens](#) (Revised June 17, 2004)
- ◆ [Roster/Reconciliation Screens](#) (Revised June 8, 2004)
- ◆ [Data Transfer Screens](#) (Revised June 22, 2004)
- ◆ [User Administration](#) (Revised April 15, 2004)

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Training Materials

- ▶ [Enrollment File Upload FAQs](#)
- ▶ [EL Verification FAQs](#)
- ▶ [Printing Reports FAQs](#)
- ▶ [Payment Roster FAQs](#)
- ▶ [Payment Roster Tutorial](#)
- ▶ [Award Status Extract Procedure](#)

File Specifications

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- ▶ [C2 Enrollment](#)
- ▶ [EL Verification](#)
- ▶ [GPA](#)
- ▶ [Grant Roster](#)
- ▶ [School Change Data File Upload](#)
- ▶ [Unclaimed Awards Report](#)

Security

- ▶ [Individual External User Access Form](#)
- ▶ [Information Security & Confidentiality Agreement](#)
- ▶ [WebGrants System Administrator's Access Request Form](#)

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Chapters on the Way

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Revised Chapters

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Remaining chapters will be posted as soon as they are completed. If you have comments or questions regarding these documents, please forward them to [OTD Training](#)

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